

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 284**

Meeting Number 284 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was convened at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut on Friday, February 1, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Monahan, PhD, Chairman
Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Nancy Horn, PhD.
Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Hillgen-Santa, Esq.

ALSO PRESENT Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Barbara Bunk, PhD
Lynn Kratzer, PhD

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. MINUTES – December 7, 2007

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2007. Mr. Colangelo moved, and Dr. Thayer seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Member Duties and Responsibilities

Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison reported that the Chairpersons of the Department of Public Health Boards and Commissions of have been sent a letter by Governor M. Jodi Rell asking that all Board/Commission members be reminded of their statutory duties, responsibilities and powers. Communication has been sent. Board members have been reminded that the duties and responsibilities are incorporated into the statutes of their respective Board/Commission. Members have been sent hard copies of the statutes or instructed how to view them on their Board web page.

The Board noted that Board member Jennifer Hillgen-Santa has missed a number of meetings and hearings. Dr. Horn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thayer, that a letter be sent to Ms. Hillgen-Santa inquiring as to her continued service as a Board member. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Barbara Bunk, Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA) reported that CPA will forming a committee to explore the issue of recommending qualified practitioners to serve as consultants the Department of Public Health.

Lynn Kratzer, PhD was present and inquired as to the status of revisions to the psychologist licensure regulations. There was no representative present from the Department of Public Health to provide an update.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Horn made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colangelo. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Monahan, PhD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 285**

Meeting Number 285 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was convened at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut on Friday, April 18, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Monahan, PhD, Chairman
Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Nancy Horn, PhD.
Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Barbara Bunk, PhD
Lynn Kratzer, PhD

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Kardys announced that Jennifer Hillgen-Santa, Esq. resigned from the Board effective March 28, 2008.

Dr. Monahan announced that he has received a letter from the Governor's office that he will not be reappointed as Board member but that he can continue to serve as member and chairman until a successor has been appointed.

I. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2008. Mr. Colangelo moved, and Dr. Horn seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum of Decision - Robert A. Novelly, PhD – Petition No. 2006-0111-008-001

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Robert Novelly, PhD. Dr. Colangelo moved and Dr. Thayer seconded to adopt the Memorandum of Decision extending the probation of Dr. Novelly's license until January 1, 2009. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Monahan signed the Order.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Licensure Regulations - Update

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Office of Practitioner Licensing, Department of Public Health announced that prior to proceeding with changes to the licensure regulations it was determined that a statutory change is required that would allow for pre-doctoral training. A bill is currently pending, No. 5701, that includes language to address the issue of work experience.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Horn made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Colangelo. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Monahan, PhD
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 286**

Meeting Number 286 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was convened at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut on Friday, June 6, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Monahan, PhD, Chairman
Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Nancy Horn, PhD.
Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit, DPH
Barbara Bunk, PhD
Lynn Kratzer, PhD

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2008. Mr. Colangelo moved, and Dr. Thayer seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Legislation Update - Bill No. 5701

This bill has been assigned Public Act No. 08-184 and is currently awaiting the Governors' signature.

Section 41 of the act changes some of the requirements for licensure as a psychologist and eliminates some of DPH's responsibilities concerning licensure exam administration. Prior law required a licensure applicant to have at least one year's postdoctoral experience of a type satisfactory to the Board of Examiners of Psychology. The act instead requires experience (but not necessarily postdoctoral) that meets requirements established in regulations adopted by DPH in consultation with the board. The act eliminates a requirement that the applicant verify that he or she intends in good faith to practice in the state. The act also clarifies that an applicant's doctoral degree be from an educational institution approved by the board with the consent of DPH rather than registered.

The act eliminates a requirement that DPH grade the licensure examinations of licensure candidates. It also no longer requires DPH to (1) determine the time and place of the examination and (2) administer the exam under the board's supervision.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit, DPH gave a brief over view of this program. A more detailed presentation will be given at the September meeting.

Memorandum of Decision - Reuben T. Spitz, Ph.D

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Reuben T. Spitz, Ph.D. - Petition No. 2006-1201-008-009.

Dr. Colangelo moved and Dr. Horn seconded to adopt the Memorandum of Decision disciplining Dr. Spitz's license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Monahan signed the Order.

IV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Pursuant to §1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Monahan, to add the following topic to the agenda: Discussion with the Assistant Attorney General regarding a pending matter before the Freedom of Information Commission (FOI) in which the Board is the respondent. The motion to passed unanimously.

Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Monahan, by to enter executive session to discuss, pending litigation with Assistant Attorney General, Thomas Ring. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Executive session from 9:16 a.m. until 9:19 a.m. to discuss a (FOI) complaint filed against the Board. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Colangelo made motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Thayer. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Monahan, PhD
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 287**

Meeting Number 287 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was convened at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut on Friday, September 5, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Monahan, PhD, Chairman
Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Nancy Horn, PhD.
Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Lynn Kratzer, PhD
Barbara Bunk, PhD

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2008. Mr. Colangelo moved, and Dr. Monahan seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Reuben T. Spitz, Ph.D.- Petition No. 2006-1201-008-009

The Board reviewed the minutes of the executive Session that was held during the hearing in this matter on November 28, 2007. Mr. Colangelo moved, and Dr. Horn seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to Terminate Probation

Alan Towbin, PhD - Petition No. 910125-008-003

The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Towbin to terminate the probation of his psychologist license that was ordered pursuant to a Memorandum of Decision dated June 12, 1998. The Department of Public Health did not object to this request.

Mr. Colangelo moved, and Dr. Horn seconded, that Dr. Towbin's request be granted.

The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Monahan was recused in this matter.

B. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut
Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Esq., Neubert, Pepe & Monteith and Leslie Lothstein, PhD, Connecticut Psychological Association gave a presentation regarding the Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals (HAVEN). This program was developed pursuant to Public Act 07-103. Attorney Dinnan gave an overview of the programs mission, services and goals.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Colangelo made motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Thayer. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Monahan, PhD
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 288**

Meeting Number 288 of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was convened at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut on Friday, December 12, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: James J. Monahan, PhD, Chairman
Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Nancy Horn, PhD.
Elizabeth Thayer, PhD.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Lynn Kratzer, PhD
Barbara Bunk, PhD
Thomas Ring, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. PENDING LITIGATION

Mr. Colangelo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thayer, by to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation with Assistant Attorney General, Thomas Ring. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered Executive session from 9:01 a.m. until 9:16 a.m. to discuss with its legal counsel, pending litigation to which the Board is a party. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

II. MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 2008. Dr, Thayer moved, and Dr. Horn seconded, that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Licensure Regulations – Update

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH reported that a Notice of Intent to Amend regulations were published in the October 28, 2008 Connecticut Law Journal concerning proposed changes to the “Psychology Licensing Requirements”. Written comments to the proposed changes were due by November 27, 2008. A summary of the comments is being prepared. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. License Reinstatement Application

Judith Bailey, License and Applications Analyst, DPH presented a reinstatement application for Laura Baird, Psy.D.

Following review of the application Dr. Monahan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Horn, recommending reinstatement of Dr. Baird's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

B. Meeting dates for 2009

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2009:

February 27, 2009

June 5, 2009

September 11, 2009

December 4, 2009

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

This is the last Board meeting for Dr. Monahan and Dr. Thayer.

Dr. Monahan addressed the Board regarding his service as Chairman of the Board and thanked staff from the Department of Public Health, the Office of the Attorney General and the Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA).

Dr. Thayer echoed Dr. Monahan's comments.

Barbara Bunk PhD on behalf of the CPA expressed thanks to Dr. Monahan and Dr. Thayer for their service.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Colangelo made motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Thayer. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard J. Colangelo, Jr., Esq.
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Psychologists